

WAS A FAILURE.

Would-be Colonists Return in Desperate Circumstances.

A recent New York dispatch says that 11 colored men and women, who formed part of the 200 sent to Liberia by the International Emigration Society in March, 1896, have returned to New York.

They say that the scheme has been a total failure; that many of their number died of starvation and fever; that the survivors did not find the contract, and many members of the expedition are stranded in England, unable to get back to their homes.

The plan of the African colonization scheme originated early in 1894, in the mind of Bishop Dozier, who was traveling in the South. It was formulated and carried into effect by Jere McMillan, a white man of Birmingham, Ala., who founded what was known as the International Emigration Society. It was claimed that the President of Liberia had promised the colonists land and farming implements.

The advance guard, in charge of D. L. Johnson, an intelligent colored man of his Springs, Ark., in November, 1894, started for Liberia. With him was a committee to make arrangements for the colonists. It was estimated at that time that there were 4,000 persons who were ready to join the colony. They expected to build a town which would soon be in a flourishing condition. Each colonist was to pay \$10 for his transportation, and was expected to have \$200 in gold with him to lay the foundation of his fortune in the new land.

The first large party of colonists, numbering 200, left Savannah, Ga., in March, 1895, for their new home, and after that several smaller parties joined them.

Twenty-five acres of land for each adult and 10 acres for each child, was promised, and on landing, each person was to be provided with a barrel of flour, two barrels of meat, a quantity of sugar and a complete set of farming implements.

D. K. Flannery, president of the society, accompanied the emigrants. According to the stories told by those who returned, when they landed in Liberia, Flannery deserted them, taking whatever was provided for them except the land, which they found 35 miles from any town, and which was incapable of growing anything but coffee. Even to grow this successfully would take four to six years.

Charles F. Swann, of Madison, Ark., with his wife and family, is among those who returned today. He says that he lost all he had going over, and was nearly dead of starvation before he could raise enough money to return.

A Mrs. Brown, with her three children, was sent back by charitable persons. Her husband was left behind, and she never expects to see him again.

Charles Moore, whose family lives in Mississippi, said the emigrants could find nothing to do. The natives, who were no clothes, and could live on little or nothing, did all the work for starvation wages.

The 11 persons had not as many cents among them on their arrival, and they had no idea where they were to pass the night.

ON THE TRACK.

Officers Looking for the Mokoli'i Safe Crackers.

The Police are of the opinion they have a clue to the man who stole the \$400 from the steamer Mokoli'i on her last trip here. It will be remembered that between the hours of 1 and 2 p. m. on the 2d of July the sum of money was taken from the safe. One of the police officers overheard a conversation yesterday between an old native and two of the employees of the Mokoli'i to the effect that a certain officer of the vessel who did not go up on the last trip had asked the latter to go out of the place where the safe was. They obeyed, and a little later the man was seen to walk off the steamer with a bundle under his arm.

Report comes from Missouri that the fruit crop of the Iron State will reach a value of \$20,000,000 this season, which will be more than the worth of the wheat crop of that state and Illinois, with the cotton crop of Missouri thrown in. Apples and peaches are the great staples.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Friday, August 6.
Smr. Ke Au Hou, Thompson, from Kaula ports.
Smr. Kaala, Mosher, from Oahu ports.
Smr. Mokoli'i, from Lahaina, Molokai and Lanai.
Smr. Mei Wahine, from Hamakua.
Saturday, August 7.
Hov. bk. Andrew Welch, from San Francisco.
Smr. James Makee, Tulett, from Kaula ports.
Smr. Mikahala, Thompson, from Hawaii.
Smr. Kinan, Clarke, from Hawaii and Maui ports.
Smr. Keena, Parker, from Oahu ports.
Sunday, August 8.
Smr. Claudine, Cameron, from Maui ports.
Smr. W. G. Hall, Haglund, from Kaula ports.
Monday, August 9.
Smr. Helena, Freeman, from Hawaii ports.
Smr. Mikahala, Thompson, from Kaula ports.

DEPARTURES.

Friday, August 6.
Smr. R. P. Rithet, Thompson, for San Francisco.
Smr. Noan, Pederson, for Lahaina and Hamakua.
Smr. Mauna Loa, Simerson, for Lahaina, Maunaloa, Kona and Kau.
Sunday, August 8.
Smr. Mikahala, Haglund, for Makawell, Kaula, for Gay family.
Monday, August 9.
Smr. Kaala, Mosher, for Kahuku and Punaluu.
Smr. Keena, Parker, for Oahu ports.
Smr. J. A. Cummins, Searle, from Oahu ports.
Smr. Mokoli'i, Bennett, for Lahaina, Molokai and Lanai.
Smr. Walaalea, Gregory, for Kaula ports.

VESSELS LEAVING TODAY.

Smr. Claudine, Cameron, for ports on Maui, at 5 p. m.
Smr. W. G. Hall, Haglund, for Kaula ports, at 5 p. m.
Smr. Kinan, Clarke, for Maui and Hawaii ports, at 10 a. m.
Smr. James Makee, Tulett, for Hapai and windward Kaula at 4 p. m.
Smr. Mikahala, Haglund, for ports on Kaula at 5 p. m.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.
From Kaula, per smr. Ke Au Hou, August 6.—C. Thoei.
From San Francisco, per bk. Andrew Welch, August 7.—Chas. Grey, Arthur Lord, G. Gear, B. Kennedy.

From Maui and Hawaii, per smr. Kinan, August 7.—Volcano: Mrs. G. C. Beckley and two children, Henry P. Beckley, Miss G. Cooke, Miss Campbell, Miss Rowe, Mrs. Farber, Miss A. Krusen, Miss C. Albright, G. R. Reyes, T. D. Leonard, W. Fairbanks, Mrs. Haskacker, Miss Flora Berry, Miss Julia Berry, Prof. T. R. Richards, Miss L. Gray, Mrs. H. Isenberg, J. W. Bergstrom, Miss I. Renwick, Miss Donovan, Miss J. R. Brockie, Miss Batchelor, Miss Hendley, G. W. Paty, C. D. Pringle and wife, N. P. Plunkett, Way ports: Mrs. Emma Nakuna, J. S. Bailey, George Nakapuka, S. C. Mace, Mrs. George Sea, Miss Maudie Anin, Rev. Wong J. Kelsaw, Master F. Vierra, H. W. Mist and bride, P. T. Phillips, W. L. Stanley, D. Shanks, J. Renton, A. H. May, T. R. Walker, Charles Gay, Miss Gay and maid, R. Kinney, W. McCluskey and 132 on deck.

From Kaula ports, per smr. W. G. Hall, August 8.—A. McBryde, J. S. McCandless, J. Anderson, Miss C. Clymer, Master Clarence Gilvin, Master Charles Gilvin, Master R. Purvis and Nurse, M. E. Kamatani and wife, T. Yacamatse and 102 on deck.
From Maui ports, per smr. Claudine, August 8.—R. R. Berry, Miss F. Cornwell, J. S. Walker and wife, Miss Castle, C. Burgoyne, Northrup Castle, Professor Mead and wife, Mr. Mott-Smith, R. T. Wilbur, S. P. Rasmussen, T. B. Lyons, wife and two children, Miss Lyons, W. H. Cornwell, Jr., M. T. Lyons, A. B. Naone, A. Yau, Miss A. Forbes, Miss F. N. Albright, A. Enos, A. A. Crook, S. Rhimi and son, A. Kanahilili, Mrs. J. T. Ahlu, Mrs. Mullen, W. R. Castle, Jr., C. H. Dickey, Nancy K. Lewis, Miss Ahumi, Master Kaulukou, Miss Moanaloa, Master Handehett, J. L. Kaulukou, W. Starbord, H. A. Heen, E. Shur, H. J. Harrison and 71 on deck.

Departures.
For Maui and Hawaii, smr. Noan, Aug. 6.—Mrs. O'Dowda, Louis Horner, Miss May Weight.
For San Francisco, per bk. R. P. Rithet, Aug. 6.—Wm. Bickell, John R. Johnson, Geo. Sterling, Mrs. Geo. Sterling, Miss L. S. Long, the five Hagsten orphans.
For Maui and Hawaii, per smr. Mauna Loa, Aug. 6.—Volcano: Dr. C. Bark, Dr. G. Hambach, V. Coella, Way ports: Father Renault, Miss Maroon, T. E. R. Amann and wife, Miss Q. Kaula, H. C. Austin, E. Suh, Mrs. Ordenstein, Father Maxime, Sam Pedro, Miss Laura Pall, J. B. Hopkins and wife, A. K. Akau, Mrs. Kiteat, Miss Klity Hamel, Miss Beard, W. A. Kinney, H. Pfleger, Mr. Wilson, Moses Malakana, Henry Peters, Moses Kauliwa, and wife, J. Kallio and wife, G. S. Waterhouse, Miss Timpel, Miss Oliver Hamer, Prof. Insell and wife, Miss Scott, Amel, Otto Meyer, Miss Emily Toomey, Geo. Hons, Father Alava, Mary Kapali, F. M. Wakefield, D. W. James, Miss Bernice Dwight, Miss Morris, Father Victor.

EXPORTS.

For San Francisco, per bark R. P. Rithet, August 6.—32,406 bags sugar, weighing 2,887,487 pounds, valued at \$127,729.25, and shipped as follows: 2,298 bags by T. H. Davies & Co. and 10,127 do by F. A. Schaefer & Co., to Williams, Diamond & Co.; 7,410 do by C. Brewer & Co. and 11,584 do by Castle & Cooke to Welch & Co.

WHARF AND WAVE.

The American bark R. P. Rithet, Thompson master, sailed yesterday for San Francisco with a full cargo of sugar and a number of passengers.
The Mikahala left at 7 a. m. Sunday for Makawell to bring the Gay family to Honolulu to attend the funeral of the late British Commissioner Hawes.

The Mauna Loa will take quite a number of passengers to the Volcano. Several are already booked. It looks as if Peter Lee will have a full house all through the summer.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The new tariff bill makes a new concession to American vessels in foreign trade or trade between the Atlantic and Pacific by exempting from internal revenue taxes distilled and fermented liquors, tobacco and cigars used as supplies on such vessels.

The Hawaiian bark Andrew Welch, E. P. Drew master, arrived in port at 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning, after a voyage of 16 days from San Francisco, with a cargo of 1,600 tons of general merchandise, consigned to C. Brewer & Co. and 100 kegs of powder to Castle & Cooke. Eleven head of horses came for J. Macdonald. The Welch sailed from San Francisco on July 22d.

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